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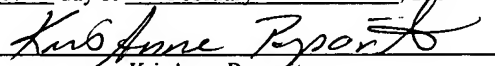
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Title:	<b>SMOKE EVACUATION SYSTEM</b>	Group Art Unit: 1724

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.